



## Fire Department

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August 19, 2016 – The City of Lexington, Virginia Fire Department is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of \$476,708. This grant allows the Lexington Fire Department to provide salaries and benefits to four (4) new firefighters for a two (2) year period. The grant requires no local match.

At the August 18<sup>th</sup> Lexington City Council meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to accept this grant to improve the staffing levels of the Lexington Fire Department in support of its mission to respond to the fire and rescue needs of the citizens and visitors of Lexington and surrounding areas. With a constant and growing demand for services and an ever growing demands on the available time and training requirements for volunteers, this represents a step in the growth of the City’s combined career/volunteer fire rescue services delivery model.

The Lexington Fire Department thanks the Citizens, Mayor and Council, and City Manager, for their continued support as the Lexington Fire Department continues to provide the citizens of Lexington and the surrounding areas with the best possible fire and rescue services in an efficient and cost effective manner. The Lexington Fire Department is moving quickly to begin the hiring process and fill these much needed positions so that the four (4) new firefighters can begin providing the many emergency and non-emergency services in the community.

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